

REMARKS

Claims 1-106 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 36, 37, 41, 43, 44, 52, 53, 75, 76, 83-93, 99, and 103 stand rejected, and Claims 3-35, 38-40, 42, 45-51, 54-74, 77-82, 94-98, 100-102, and 104-106 contain allowable subject matter. The rejected claims have been cancelled, and the allowable claims have been amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, all of the pending claims in the present application should now be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

Applicants also wish to ensure that the replacement sheets of drawings filed on March 30, 2005 and May 3, 2005 have been accepted since there is no indication of such in the subsequent Office Actions. Please file said replacement sheets of drawings in the present application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 302-6043.

Respectfully submitted,

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